STUDIO SCREENING — 4 PAGES
TRANSCRIPT & NOTES ON TAPE RECORDINGS
OF LORAN HALL, MADE 12-29-67

EXCERPTS RECORDED DURING STUDIO SCREENING

(1) Q. Why was the President assassinated?
A. Liberals may have had a part to do with it. Kennedy was swinging from liberal, or left, to the center; this upset the liberals.
Also, the Mafia had a slight hand in it. Hall relates Mafia and Cuba.
Thinks they probably had to do with it.
Hall relates Mafia to money to support JFK during his campaign.

(2) Question regarding Mafia, & contract on Garrison's life. Hall disagrees; could see someone like Shaw being threatened, but not Garrison.

From his answer: "I can name you a man who was an absolute perfectionist, pilot, he got killed in a plane wreck."

NOTE = INFORMANT SAYS THAT THIS IS WARD

"Somehow, somewhere, someone is pulling the strings on the lives of those witnesses."

(3) Claims he has no knowledge of JFK assassination.

(4) Why does Garrison want him in New Orleans?
Ans. "I have absolutely no knowledge — as to why he would want me down there at all — the only thing I can go on is what I have heard on telephone conversations."

(NOTE = Doesn't he know that he was interviewed by FBI re Odio incident??)

(5) Re: Larry Howard
"I was with Larry in Florida when he was training Cubans in Florida..." (Notes that this was after the Bay of Pigs).
"Larry was with me on the last raid I was going to make into Cuba..." (Tells how he was stopped by Coast Guard, CIA---
(Says this occurred in Sept. 1963.

(6) Where was he on the day of the assassination?
Ans. In Monterey Park, at home (Calif.)

(7) Denies any part of a conspiracy to kill JFK
"The only conspiracy I was in on to beat him with ballots, not bullets---"

(8) Q. Will you fight Garrison's try to get you to New Orleans?
A. "This is a hard question---I will never stand on the fifth amendment---this is my country, I love my country ---therefore, it behooves me---to give testimony. If I go back to La., and I'm in the court room, I will respect Mr. Garrison---as far as right here and now, ...I have absolutely no respect for the man... I think, and it's a shame, that a man like Garrison has to do what our government should have done in the beginning---I think that Garrison, in a roundabout way, is on the right track... (More insults to Garrison)---I think that someone should be making an investigation."

(9) Q. "And you have no idea as to what Mr Garrison wants to talk with you about?"
A. "No, I have absolutely no idea at all; in fact, I heard last week that he was in Los Angeles, and I wonder now why he didn't come up and talk to me then."
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(10) Q. Were you at all concerned with the Bay of Pigs?
A. "No I wasn't; not really; I had a lot of friends that were involved in it... I know that there was training that was going on in Guatemala. In fact, I HAD SOME FRIENDS THAT PARTICIPATED IN IT AND WERE IN PRISON AFTER THE BAY of PIGS FAILED.

(11) HALL = "I think that there was probably three, and possibly four, different plots to assassinate the President. I think that Oswald actually had a part in the assassination of Oswald, uh, of Kennedy."

(12) Q. "Do you from your own knowledge, and I'm not asking for names, or anything at all, but from your own knowledge in knowing about in the Cuban affair, do you feel that anybody who worked for or had worked for the FBI or the CIA were at ALL involved in the assassination?"

RESPONSE = PAUSES; LAUGHS AND CHUCKLES. (NOTE = THIS RESPONSE HAS TO BE SEEN, ON COLOR FILM, TO APPRECIATE ITS SIGNIFICANCE. IT JUST IS NOT NORMAL, AT ALL. IT'S A COMBINATION OF NERVOUS, GIDDY, GIGGLY, LAUGH-)

A. "You ask me if I knew of anybody.
"No, I do not."

(NOTE = QUESTIONER DID NOT ASK THAT. THIS IS HALL'S VERSION).

"I feel so, so sure in my own mind, that there has been somewhere along the line, an attempt made by the FBI---I shouldn't say FBI--- I should say "some members of the FBI" to manipulate the evidence, or to conceal such evidence."

"Dick, I don't think that the FBI itself had anything, or distorted any of the evidence, but I do believe that there were some members of the FBI that either unknowingly or knowingly distorted evidence, either by hiding or not thinking that it was important, or something of that effect, and in so-doing, completely distorted the whole report, thereby leaving the Warren Report with no alternative but to come out with the finale that they did.

(13) HALL = "Old man Kennedy, Joseph, he was a bootlegger, back in his heyday. And I don't think, from everything that I can pick up, well, for an example, back in the heyday when Joe Kennedy was kingpin, you didn't run an area without being associated with the Mafia. I just don't believe that you could. Because the Mafia is going to be there. And if you're going to make a dollar, the Mafia is going to get 25¢ of it. So, I'm thinking that Joe probably got some money from the Mafia to support Kennedy, with the understanding that Kennedy would let the Bay of Pigs go through, wipe out Kenned-- I mean, wipe out Castro, and those britches over there, set the boys back in business, and let 'em run along as usual---"

(NOTE = SLIP of "WIPE OUT KENNED---"

(14) HALL = "Oswald, as far as I'm concerned, was a Communist from the word "go"! This man went to Russia, HE WAS IN CUBA, he had all of the training necessary for the assassination of Kennedy. I don't think that any Communist goes off half cocked.

"I think you'll find that what happened to Oswald, there in the police station, in Dallas, is the same thing that happened to Trotsky in Mexico. Instead of someone hitting Oswald with an ax, like they did Trotsky, Ruby shot him."

"As far as I'm concerned, Ruby and Oswald are tied in so tight, that you can't believe it."

"Now there's no way I can prove this. Because I knew neither one of them. I never had a conversation with them in any way, shape, or form."

(15) HALL, (on the government cover-up of the real truth in this matter).

"For a man, to get ... on a television, or a newspaper, and make a statement about the President of the United States, or a Senator, or a Congressman, I think that this is in real bad taste. Especially, now ... the fact that we're in conflict in Viet Nam.

"Therefore, I won't make a statement on that. But I feel that there is ... definite reasons that the government, or people in government has covered up the assassination of Kennedy."

(16) "Personally, I think he's an egotistical maniac" (referring to Garrison).

(17) "But if I am told by the Governor, or by whoever it takes, to tell me to go to Louisiana, I will go gladly and freely."

"Because I think that its time that someone, somehow, help clear up the Kennedy assassination, and of course I'm not the one to do it, because I know nothing about it."

(NOTE = INFORMANT SAYS THAT SINCE THIS TIME, HALL HAS INDICATED THE OPPOSITE. THAT HALL HAS NOW DECIDED TO EMPLOY EVERY MEANS POSSIBLE TO AVOID GOING TO LOUISIANA).

(18) On the danger of Clay Shaw or Garrison, not living till trial time.

"I think they're as safe as babes in the wood."

"I think the mafia, & the people of America, are laughing at Garrison; I think they're mistakenly laughing at Garrison, because I think that the man is is---basically he's right. But I think that he's witch hunting, and this is wrong; this is not good."

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ON THE AIR—TRANSCRIPTS & NOTES
ON TAPE RECORDINGS OF CORAN HALL,
MADE DEC-29, 1969

EXCERPTS RECORDED AS THEY WERE BROADCAST LIVE, ON THE AIR

(NOTE = Some of these appear in section on "STUDIO SCREENING"; others do not).

(1) HAVE QUOTE FROM STUDIO SCREENING PORTION, ON MAFIA, LIBERALS, ETC.
(2) On contract on Garrison's life. Again, same as studio screening. But ("I can name you a man") comes through here, referring to pilot who died in plane crash he knew. This phrase is garbled on other portion of tape, where it appears with "STUDIO SCREENING"
(3) News cast re = Larry Howard, Jr. Phone call with his wife.
(NOTE = Informant states that Howard has definitely decided to stay as long as possible in Mexico, because of this case.
(4) News cast on Beckham.
(5) Jan-1, 1968, 11 o'clock, Hal interview.
(VALUABLE ADMISSION HERE IN PUBLIC RECORD).
HALL = "I WAS IN CUBA, and when the revolution ended, I got into Havana --- I was out at the (?) with Camillo Cienfuegos --- I had about 60 men that were being trained as marksmen; we were going under the camouflage of being in for the invasion of Nicaragua. Whereas what it was actually all about, was the assassination (in reality) of the top communists in Cuba. Because --- we found out that Castro, and the whole 26th of July movement, was going Communist, so that a democratic government could take over the rule of Cuba..."
Q. "Now, does that include Castro?" (referring to assassination)
Hall: "Yes, it did."
Q. "Uh huh"

(6) Q. "I seem to remember that you were imprisoned in Cuba at one time."
A. "Yes, I was. I was in prison for about, about 6 months."

Q. "Did you escape?"

A. "No. I didn't escape. I was out at La Cabana, and I was out La Cabana, and I was out at Ciudad Libertad, and I was out at the DEE ... air (phonetic) station. And then they transferred me from the Estamba Leor prison that I was in to Trescornia (phonetic), and while I was at Trescornia, I finally got a message through to Camillos Cienfuegos, and Camillo came out, and put me in the car, the command car, and took me up to the airport, and put me on the plane, and I flew by Commercia airlines back to the United States."

(NOTE = OTHO INCIDENT, INFORMATION ON HER FATHER, ETC.)

(7) Denies attempt to reenter Cuba to assassinate Castro; but talks about his raids in/to Cuba, "to build up ... a will to resist the butcher, Castro--"

remarks about Cuba being lost to the Communist world.

(8) Jan-2, 1968; excerpt: Views about assassination. strategy. Doubts that he, Hall, could do what LHO supposed to have done, despite fact that he has $200 30.06 rifle, with $70 scope.

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